

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Cherokee Baptist Association.

HELD WITH

Mt. Sylvan Church, Rusk County, Texas,

Commencing October 12th, 1872.

The next Session of this Body will be held with COUNTY LINE CHURCH, seventeen miles south-west of Tyler, Smith county, Texas, on the road leading to Palestine, on Saturday before the Second Sabbath in October, 1873.

OFFICERS:

R. MALONE STELL *Moderator.*
GEO. YARBROUGH *Clerk.*
THOMAS R. SWAN *Treasurer.*

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The Cherokee Baptist Association met with MOUNT SYLVAN CHURCH, Rusk county, Texas, twenty miles east of Tyler, on Saturday, the 12th day of October, A. D. 1872.

Introductory Sermon preached by Elder R. Malone Stell.

After recess of one hour and a half, at 2 P. M., the body was called to order by the Moderator, Elder W. G. Caperton. After kneeling in prayer and returning thanks to the divine head of the Church, for the blessings of the past year, letters were called for and read. Churches and delegates enrolled as follows:

Absent delegates marked thus † and churches not represented marked with a star.

Tyler Church, Tyler, Smith county—J. H. Rowland, H. E. Calahan and George Yarbrough.

Centre Point, (name changed from Hickory Grove) Troup, Smith county,—A. Gipson, T. E. Armstrong.

Mount Sylvan Church, Jamestown, Smith county.—Tully Choice, J. H. Willbanks.

Bethel Church, Starrville, Smith county.—W. B. Henderson, John G. Felton.

Mount Zion Church, Tyler, Smith county—J. H. L. Wesley, W. J. Barron.

Antioch Church, Mount Carmel, Smith county.—B. B. Ray, Mathew Shamburger.

Knoxville Church, Knoxville, Cherokee county.—John Smith, E. A. Moore.

Hopewell Church, Tyler, Smith county—Dr. E. R. W. McCrary, J. S. Ward.

Jamestown Church, Jamestown, Smith county.—C. B. Bacon, Allen Gilliam.

Ebenezer Church, Troup, Smith county.—

Carmel Church, Flora, Smith county.—John S. Bledsoe, †David Peebles.

Dover Church, Garden Valley, Smith county.—R. Malone Stell, E. C. Cox.

New Hope Church, Etna, Smith county.—M. M. Wadsworth, †John P. Oden.

County Line Church, Etna, Smith county.—J. T. White, F. G. McMinn.

Salem Church, Larrissa, Cherokee county.—†J. D. Smyrl, Dr. L. J. Robinson.

**Myrtle Spring Church*, New Salem, Rusk county.

**Palestine Church*, Alto, Cherokee county.

**Bethel Church*, Alto, Cherokee county.

**New Hope Church*, Jacksonville, Cherokee county.

Union Church, Larrissa, Cherokee county.—†James R. Gayden, †J. W. Jones.

Mount Zion Church, Crockett, Houston county.—Dissolved.

Hebron Church, Tyler, Smith county.—A. A. Davis, †Larkin Evans.

Sardis Church, Mount Carmel, Smith county.—Dissolved.

Friendship Church, Randall, Smith county.—Joseph Yarbrough, S. H. Russell.

New Harmony Church, Tyler, Smith county.—John W. Barron, W. A. Smith.

Seven League Church, Tyler, Smith county.—E. M. Carter, †Wm. Thedford.

Harris Creek Church, Mount Carmel, Smith county.—John P. Smith, Elihu Wiggins.

Pisgah Church, Palestine, Anderson county.—S. R. Gore,
†W. J. Morrow.

Zion Church, Kickapoo, Anderson county.—†B. F. Spencer,
E. A. McCarty.

Mountain Cove Church, Rusk, Cherokee county.—Jesse M.
Carter, †J. B. Bird.

**Beens' Creek Church*, Cherokee county.

Sardis Church, Cherokee county, became a member of
Tryon Association.

**Pleasant Grove Church*, Pinetown, Cherokee county.

Providence Church, Brownsboro, Henderson county.—†S.
F. Tindall, C. C. Hawthorn.

Macedonia Church, Tyler, Smith county.—J. B. Hender-
son, Wm. Maxfield.

Pleasant Grove Church, Troup, Smith county.—J. C. Tar-
button, †J. M. Rucker.

Twenty-seven Churches represented; 44 delegates present,
and eleven absent.

Proceeded to the election of officers for the Associational
year.

After collecting the ballots, the following persons were
found to be elected: Geo. Yarbrough, Recording Secretary;
and Thomas R. Swann, Treasurer. No one having a major-
ity for Moderator, upon which another ballot was taken, and
resulted in the election of Elder R. Malone Stell, who came
forward, and, after a few appropriate remarks, took the chair
and announced the body ready for business.

Petitionary letters called for.

Letter, with Abstract of Faith, presented and read from
Pleasant Hill Church, Tyler, Smith county, Texas, borne by
delegates Sam C. Messer and W. G. Caperton.

On motion, received as a member of this body.

Letter from *Concord Church*, Palestine, Anderson county,
with Articles of Faith, borne by their delegates W. A. Fitz-
gerald and M. P. Gaines, was read, and on motion, received
as a member of the body.

On motion, regular order of business suspended to appoint
Committee on Divine Service.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Divine Service: Brethren Tully Choice, Allen Gilliam, and J. H. Wilbanks, of Mount Sylvan Church, and C. B. Bacon, and J. T. White.

Letters from Deans Church, Tyler, Smith county, and Pleasant Grove Church, Kickapoo, Anderson county, both laid over until Monday morning, for want of the Abstract of Faith.

Letter from Saline Creek Church, Tyler, Smith county, borne by delegates A. G. Laud, and T. J. Barron. On motion, received as a member of this body.

Right hand of fellowship extended to delegates of new churches, admitted as members of this body, by the Moderator.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Elder H. E. Calahan would occupy the stand in the church at night. And on Sabbath, at the hour of 9 A. M., services by Prayer at the church, and at 11 A. M. Elder M. V. Smith would occupy the stand, and at 2 P. M. by Elder J. B. Daniel.

On motion, adjourned until 9 A. M. Monday. Prayer by Elder H. E. Calahan.

The following Committees were appointed by order of the body in Chambers.

On Finance.—W. B. Henderson, J. H. Wilbanks and W. J. Barron.

On Home Missions.—Tully Choice, S. R. Gore and L. J. Robinson.

On Sabbath-schools.—John H. Rowland, John P. Smith, and Joseph Yarbrough.

On Education.—J. B. Henderson, J. T. White, and Jesse M. Carter.

On State of Religion and Moral Destitution.—John S. Bledsoe, H. E. Calahan, E. M. Carter, A. A. Davis, and S. H. Russell.

On Nominations.—C. B. Bacon, J. C. Tarbutton, Elihu Wiggins, J. H. L. Wesley, and John G. Felton.

On Publications.—W. G. Caperton, E. R. W. McCrary, and Allen Gilliam.

On Colportage.—H. E. Calahan, M. M. Wadsworth, and J. G. McMinn.

On Ministerial Consecration and Support.—John G. Felton, John Green, T. E. Armstrong, M. P. Gaines, and John W. Barron.

9 A. M. MONDAY, October 14, 1872.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator in the chair. Prayer by the Moderator. Minutes of Saturday read and adopted. The body then proceeded to business.

On motion of Bro. J. M. Carter, the case of Dean Church taken up, and on motion, was received; whereupon Bro. Thomas Dean presented himself as delegate, the Moderator extending him the right hand of fellowship.

On motion, the case of Pleasant Grove Church, Kickapoo, Anderson county, was taken up, and on motion, was received as a member of this body, the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to Bro. S. B. Gore, the pastor, the delegates not being present.

Visiting Brethren invited to seats.

Corresponding Messengers called for. Brethren John W. Wood, and D. G. Fambrough, presented themselves as accredited delegates from Zion Association, who were recognized as such, and cordially invited to seats with the body.

Treasurer's report called for, read, and referred to Finance Committee.

The report of Executive Board read, and referred to Committee on Missions.

On motion of Bro. Choice, the regular order of business was suspended until 1 P. M., to hear the report of the Committee on Sabbath-schools, and an address from Elder M. V. Smith on the same subject; after which, dinner was partaken of on the ground, prepared by the ladies of the neighborhood.

1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator in the Chair.
Prayer by Bro. S. R. Gore.

Bro. John Green asked for leave of absence the balance of the Association. Granted.

The following brethren were granted leave of absence after to-day, at their own request: Elder S. R. Gore, W. A. Fitzgerald, M. P. Gaines, Matthew Shamburger, B. B. Ray and T. E. Armstrong.

Report on Sunday-schools called for and read.

On motion, the body went into Committee of the Whole,
R. Malone Stell in the Chair.

On motion, Bro. M. V. Smith was requested to present his plan for the Sunday-school work, which he proceeded to do, by reading a plan for a Constitution and By-Laws for the formation of a Sunday-school Union, and explaining the same fully.

Remarks were made by Elders R. Malone Stell, S. R. Gore and Jesse M. Carter.

On motion of the body, the Secretary was directed to enroll the names, for the purpose of forming a Sabbath-school Union, the same being enrolled as members for five years, paying annually four dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly, in advance.

The following named persons became members, under the regulations of the Constitution and By-laws of the Sabbath-school Union of the Cherokee Baptist Association :

	Paid.	Annually.
Jesse M. Carter.....	\$2 00	\$ 4 00
C. B. Bacon.....		4 00
Geo. Yarbrough.....		8 00
Tully Choice.....		20 00
S. R. Gore.....	2 00	4 00
L. J. Robinson.....	1 00	4 00
Sam. C. Messer.....	1 00	4 00
J. H. Wilbanks.....	2 00	4 00
R. Malone Stell.....	5 00	4 00

	Paid.	Annually.
Elihu Wiggins.....	1 00	4 00
John P. Smith.....	1 00	4 00
W. A. Florence.....	1 00	4 00
J. H. Wesley.....	1 00	4 00
W. J. Barron.....	1 00	4 00
E. C. Cox.....	5 00	20 00
E. A. McCarty.....	1 00	4 00
T. J. Barron.....	1 00	4 00
John S. Bledsoe.....		4 00
S. A. Goodman, Sr.,.....	1 00	4 00
J. T. Dean.....	1 00	4 00
S. T. Florence.....	1 00	4 00
Jasper Gilliam.....	1 00	4 00
E. M. Carter.....	1 00	4 00
W. G. Caperton.....	1 00	4 00
S. A. Goodman, Jr.,.....	1 00	4 00
W. B. Henderson.....	2 00	8 00
J. C. Tarbutton.....	1 00	4 00
J. A. Kimball.....		4 00
C. C. Shumate.....	2 00	8 00
Mrs. F. M. Bacon.....		4 00
Mrs. Prewitt.....		4 00
H. E. Callahan.....	1 00	4 00
R. C. Clay.....	1 00	4 00
John H. Rowland.....		4 00

Whereupon those having become members of the Union proceeded to the election of officers for the coming year, and resulted in the election of Elder C. C. Shumate as President, Geo. Yarbrough as Secretary, and C. B. Bacon as Treasurer.

On motion, blanks in Constitution were appropriately filled.

On motion, the next annual meeting of this body (Sabbath-school Union) will be held at County Line Church, on Friday, at 10 A. M., before the second Sabbath in October, A.

D. 1873; and quarterly meetings will be held at the following times and places:

At Dover Church, on Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in December, 1872.

At Bethel Church, (Starrville,) on Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in March, 1873.

At (Larrissa) Salem Church, Cherokee county on Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in June, 1873.

At (Alto) Palestine Church, Cherokee county, on Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in August, 1873.

Missionary Convention of the Cherokee Baptist Association will meet at the same times and places. Adjourned.

Association resumed the consideration of the Sabbath-school report. On motion, adopted, as follows:

SABBATH-SCHOOL REPORT.

Your Committee on Sunday-schools beg leave to report: That the Sunday-school enterprise is receiving, in many localities, the hearty sympathies and earnest efforts of the friends of a pure gospel. North and South, the Baptists are beginning to measure arms with the duty they have long owed to the rising generation. The Baptists of our sister State, Missouri, reported, their last anniversary, 806 Sunday schools in working order, with 48,000 scholars, and an expenditure during the past year of more than \$18,000.

In our own State a Sunday-school Convention exists, that, with the blessings of Heaven, promises to rally the army of Christian men and women in Texas, who love children and are willing to work for their salvation. A Sunday-school missionary is now in the field, devoting all his time and energies to this department of Christian labor. Sunday-school Unions are being organized in several Associations, to promote the interest of schools already in existence, and to secure the services of Sunday-school missionaries, whose duty it shall be to organize in destitute localities. We can report but little progress in our territory during the past year. A few schools are reported, but the letters from the churches show a want of interest, much to be deplored. The field is now ripe for a glorious harvest, and no time should be lost. The children should be gathered under the tuition of pious, earnest men and women, and on every Lord's day instructed in the Word of God. Nor should we confine our efforts simply to the children. Classes should be organized and teachers employed, where the middle-aged and those far

advanced in life can be assembled on the holy day, to search the Scriptures. We need organization, and we now recommend the formation of a Sunday-school Union, during the session of this body, under the plan proposed by the State Sunday-school Missionary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. ROWLAND, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow at 9 A. M. Benediction by the Moderator.

TUESDAY MORNING, Oct. 15, 1872, 9 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator in the chair. Prayer by the Moderator.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted; whereupon the Body proceeded to business.

Report on Education called for, and the chairman, Bro. J. B. Henderson, read the report. On motion, regular order of business was suspended.

Bro. John S. Bledsoe offered the following amendment to the 14th Article of the Constitution:

That the following words be inserted in the second line, between "churches" and "second:" "to foster education, missions and sabbath-schools and kindred enterprises." Adopted.

The 14th Article of Constitution now reads: "It is the business of this Association, first, to provide for the general union of the churches, *to foster education, missions, sabbath-schools and kindred enterprises*; second, to keep up a correspondence with sister Associations of our faith and practice, that a chain of communication may be preserved among the churches; third, to give the churches the best advice she can in matters of difficulty, and where a breach that cannot be healed exists, to withdraw from any church whom she may look upon as unsound in principle, or immoral in practice,

till it be reclaimed; fourth, to see that the clerk shall be paid for such services as the Body may direct belonging to the duties of his office; fifth, to have the Minutes read (corrected if need be) and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises, and have them printed if they think proper; sixth, to amend this form of government at any regular session, by a two-thirds vote of the members present; seventh, adjourn to any time or place which they may deem proper."

The consideration of the report on Education was resumed, read again by the chairman, and, after some remarks were made by various brethren, on motion of Bro. Choice, it was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The great importance of general education is so universally admitted as not to demand from us a single argument, in order to convince the public mind; but we imagine the main object contemplated by your body, in the appointment of a committee on this subject, was to elicit arguments in support of ministerial education. While we would not desire to create, under the sanction of the Association, the impression that none but the educated should be set apart to the work of the ministry, yet we cannot too strongly urge the necessity of preparation on the part of those who feel influenced by the Holy Spirit to enter this sacred vocation. We subscribe to the doctrine of a special call from the Great Teacher to the work of the ministry, yet we are not among that class of infatuated enthusiasts who believe that the great God will fill the mouths of his chosen heralds with appropriate words, or thrust into their unwilling minds unsought truths. The days of miracles and special inspiration are passed, and the myriad of ignorant impenitents are to be reached through the medium of human intelligences, called of God, quickened by the Spirit, and set apart by the Presbyter to the ministerial work. Hence, the more intelligent the medium, the greater will be the channel through which the Spirit may communicate the glad tidings of the gospel. There is no use of attempting to disguise the truth, that no man can correctly teach that of which he is partially ignorant. The greater his deficiency in information, the less reliable will be his views and opinions, and the less potent for good when promulgated. God calls his servant to stand on the wall of Zion, but the Spirit and human agencies are co-workers in making the preacher, or, at

least, much of his efficiency depends upon human agencies. It would be much more reasonable for the young convert, as soon as received into the church by baptism, to sit down on the "stool of do nothing," and depend upon the grace of God to carry him to heaven, than for the young minister, being once satisfied of his call to the work, to then presume upon the goodness of his Divine Master, to give him just conceptions of gospel truths, and manipulate his tongue in the use of expressive and appropriate verbiage. The Spirit will aid, but it must be sought. If one Christian duty can be classified above another, the one of ample preparation for the ministry should be placed upon the pinnacle as the highest duty of the young preacher. Let the young minister repair to our seminaries of learning, and, with prayerful application, qualify himself to teach and unfold the hidden mysteries of the Bible; and he whose age forbids attending school, should nevertheless apply himself, until the English language, at least, is mastered, which is necessary to fully comprehend the meaning of words through the use of which the Scriptures of divine truth are communicated to us. The finest educated man in the world, without the Spirit and grace of God, could accomplish but little by preaching. God might bless the word to some extent for the word's sake. On the other hand, the loudest call from Jehovah himself, to him who is destitute of information, and remains so, will accomplish less. The great arm of Omnipotence *could* accomplish much through such a medium, but he *will not*, for he is a God of means, and works only by and through means of intelligent, reasonable instrumentalities, to accomplish his will among men. Light cannot come out of darkness.

J. B. HENDERSON, Chairman.

Committee on Religious and Moral Destitution reported and read, by their Chairman, Bro. J. S. Bledsoe, the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS AND MORAL DESTITUTION.

From the best information we have obtained, we are pleased to say that the opportunity of hearing the Gospel in a portion of the associational bounds is ample; but regret to say that in the South and Southwest portions, churches are few and Ministers scarce; there being only five in Cherokee and four in Anderson counties, who are preaching the Gospel. Such destitution requires prompt action to carry out the objects of your missionary organization to preach the word of life to all in your associational bounds. In conclusion, we would recommend that the Executive Board consider the propriety of fostering the rising interest of our denomination in Palestine:

Submitted,

J. S. BLEDSOE, Chairman.

Committee on Nominations Reported the following: Elder John H. Rowland to preach the Introductory at our next annual session, Elder S. R. Gore, alternate. Adopted.

Committee on Publications made a verbal report, earnestly recommending all our brethren to subscribe for the Texas Baptist Herald. Adopted.

Report on Colportage called for and read by the Chairman, Elder H. E. Calahan, and on motion, was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee report that during the past year, there has been no action taken by the Association, through her Executive Board or any other agency, for the purchase of religious literature; but knowing that we must work as well as pray, and plow as well as sow, if we would reap an abundant harvest; we, therefore, recommend that we turn from the chapter of resolutions, to the page of acts, and take steps immediately to have Bible truth disseminated, through the agency of printers' ink and active lovers of Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. CALAHAN, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Consecration and Support called for. Bro. John G. Felton, Chairman, read the report adopted on this subject at our last annual meeting, and offered the same as being fully the sense of this body. On motion, adopted, and ordered to be reprinted as follows, from the minutes of 1871:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT AND CONSECRATION.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that, in many portions of the country there is among Baptists, an erroneous opinion quite prevalent, with regard to the legitimate business, and whole duty of the chosen "Herald of the Cross." Many imagine that if their pastor preaches on the last and first day of the week, that he should devote the remainder of his time to the secular vocation of his choice, in order to support and educate his family. This is a grievous error. Pastoral visits and private instruction in the families composing his charge, are as much his duty as preaching. After these duties are attended to, the remainder of his time should be devoted to study. The minister of the gospel should spend much of his time in his studies, for he cannot teach what

he does not know, and he will know but little unless he study, and if he engages in secular pursuits for a livelihood, he will have but little time to prepare to be a teacher of the great and hidden mysteries of the Bible. Your Committee are satisfied that we should, as a denomination, have a consecrated ministry, which is an impossibility without a complete corresponding support. They are inseparably connected, "The laborer is worthy of his hire." "They that are of the Gospel shall live by the Gospel." But it is vain to talk of a consecrated ministry unless the church furnish ample ministerial support. Your Committee are of opinion that the ministers are not so much to blame for engaging in secular pursuits, as the church is, for permitting, or shall we say it, rather for *forcing* them to do it.

Therefore, Brethren, let us resolve to unshackle the hands of our ministers, from the cares and business of furnishing a support for their families, and let them fully obey the call of our blessed Master, to go and preach, and teach, and visit and comfort, and do and perform whatever else is enjoined by their commission.

If two cents a day were given by each member of the churches belonging to the Association, the sum of \$14,700 would be raised annually, which would be about \$480, to each church, if the membership of the churches were equal.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HENDERSON, Chairman.

On motion, County Line Church, seventeen miles S. W. of Tyler, on the Palestine road, was selected as the place for the next annual meeting of this body, and Saturday, before the second Sabbath in October, A. D. 1873, as the time.

Brethren Rowland, Choice, and E. M. Carter, were appointed Corresponding Messengers to Zion Association.

On motion of Geo. Yarbrough, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That any member in good standing of the Association, presenting a printed copy of the minutes of this body, in which his name appears, is hereby authorized to act as a coresponding messenger to Sister Associations and Conventions within this State.

Brethren Felton and Calahan were appointed corresponding messengers to Harmony Association.

Brethren Tully Choice and J. H. Rowland were appointed corresponding messengers to Union Association to meet in August, 1873.

The following delegates were appointed to the General Association to meet in Jefferson, July, 1873: John S. Bledsoe, Geo. Yarbrough, H. E. Calahan, W. G. Caperton, W. B. Henderson, J. H. Rowland.

Messengers appointed to the following Associations:

Saline—H. E. Calahan, J. S. Bledsoe, J. B. Henderson, E. M. Carter, and Wm. Maxfield.

Rehoboth Association—J. H. Wilbanks, S. S. Florence, W. B. Harris and T. I. Barron.

Report of Finance Committee called for, when the following report was made:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, the Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

We have carefully examined Bro. Thos. R. Swann's account as Treasurer for the past year, and found it correct. And further report the following receipts:

	Minutes	Gen'l Purposes
County Line Church, Smith co.....	\$2 00	\$2 00
Salem Church, Cherokee co.....	2 50	6 50
Jamestown Church, Smith co.....	2 50	.....
Seven League Church, Smith co.....	1 75	.....
Dean's Church, Smith co.....	2 25	.....
Center Point Church,.....	2 00	.....
Pleasant Hill Church,.....	2 00	.....
Antioch Church, Smith co.....	2 00	3 00
Zion Church,.....	2 75	.....
Hebron Church, Smith co.....	1 50	.....
New Harmony Church, Smith co.....	1 50	3 10
Ebenezer Church, Smith co.....	2 00	2 40
Saline Creek Church, Smith co.....	2 00	.....
Dover Church, Smith co.....	3 00	3 00
Pleasant Hill Church.....	3 00	.....
Hopewell Church.....	2 40	.....
Harris Creek Church.....	3 00	.....
Concord Church, Anderson co.....	4 00	.....
Pisgah Church, Anderson co.....	3 50	.....
Pleasant Grove Church, Anderson co.....	2 00	.....
Tyler Church, Smith Co.....	3 00	.....
Carried forward.....	\$50 65	\$20 00

Brought forward.....	\$50 65	\$20 00
Providence Church.....	2 00	.....
Knoxville Church, Cherokee co.....	3 00	.....
Mt. Zion Church, Smith co.....	3 00	5 50
Mountain Cove Church, Cherokee co.....	1 00	6 30
Macedonia Church, Smith co.....	1 50	.....
Friendship Church, Smith co.....	1 00	.....
Bethel Church, Smith co.....	3 00	.....
Carmel Church, Smith co.....	2 00	8 00
Mt. Sylvan Church, Smith co.....	1 60	.....
Union Church, Cherokee co.....	1 00	.....
New Hope Church.....	1 50	.....
Total,	\$71 75	\$121 55

W. B. HENDERSON, Chairman.

On motion of Elder J. S. Bledsoe, ordered that the Clerk have one thousand copies of the minutes of this Association printed and distributed, and he be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for a sufficient amount to pay for the same. Also, that the Clerk be allowed twenty dollars for said services, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

On motion of Bro. W. B. Henderson, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Body tender its thanks to the members of Mt. Sylvan Church, and the citizens of the vicinity, for their kind hospitality and Christian courtesy during our stay with them.

Adjourned to 1 o'clock, P. M. Benediction by the Moderator.

1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

Report on Missions called for, read by the Chairman, Eld.

Tully Choiee, and after some remarks, on motion, was adopted, as follows :

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We will not attempt any argument before this Body on the subject of Missions, but assume it as a settled fact, that it is the first and main object of its existence.

It is lamentably manifest, from amounts reported from the Churches, that the mission spirit is unusually low ; yet we are inclined to believe that it is more the result of a lack of concerted action, than apathy in the Heaven-appointed duty. The field is wide and inviting, and our resources are abundant, if properly manipulated and rightly applied. We are too much given to the habit of acting from impulse, and making spasmodic efforts in this department of Christian activity ; while from the interest involved, it is a life-long work, and should engage the time, labor and energy of the wisest and best in the land. Be as wise as serpents and harmless as doves, should be our motto. The responsibility on this Body is very great ; on its planning, depends whether the smouldering missionary fire that burns in every true Christian breast shall longer be covered and give no light, or burst forth like the sun in the glad spring-time, through the clouds of winter, to cheer the heart and make fruitful the waste places of our Zion. Am I my brother's keeper ? may satisfy the conscience of the covetous ; but the Christian, with the love of Jesus warm in his soul, recognizes his obligation, and feels it both a duty and pleasure to aid in the great work of spreading the gospel. The eyes of the churches are on us—the destitute of our bounds are stretching out their hands to us, and crying for help. Jesus, our omnipotent Captain, bids us go. Then ARISE, ARISE, like soldiers of the Cross, and bring in our tithes, and God will indeed help us, and salvation, like a river, will flow out upon us, and irrigate this lovely land.

We recommend the adoption of some plan that will reach and develop the resources of the churches, and particularly, that you investigate the merits of the plan of the General Association, and if judged worthy, make it yours, and may the coming year be one not only of "resolutions," but of actions faithfully performed.

TULLY CHOICE, Chairman.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

EXECUTIVE BOARD, CHEROKEE ASSOCIATION, }
TYLER, TEXAS, October 11, 1872. }

DEAR BRETHREN: In rendering you an account of the labor performed under the direction of your Board for the past Associational year, we

feel humiliated when we reflect that so little has been done. With abundant means, good health, with fair returns from the full of the husbandman, we should feel devoutfully thankful, and lest these blessings should be turned from us, into that of a blighting curse and darkness, let us covenant together, and ask the Divine Head of the church, as one people, to renew our energies, and that we may modify and systematize our plans, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that the great mission of our Master on earth may be accomplished.

The Board met in the early part of the year, and it was deemed prudent not to send forth a missionary without some pledges in the shape of contributions from the churches, that he would be supported. The churches were, therefore, asked, by a circular letter, to make such contributions as were necessary to carry into effect the object. But we regret to say that but one single church made the proper response. You are referred to the Treasurer's report for the meagre contributions for the past year, the sum total being but \$19 00 from all sources. The Board, not being willing to let the entire year pass without an effort in the missionary field, Bro. J. A. Kimball was authorized to go forth as a missionary, under the auspices of the Board, at \$50 00 per month, for such time as he might labor. He reports having labored about four and a half months. About two months of that time was spent in protracted meetings, assisting pastors of churches; two and a half months have been spent in the service of the Association, preaching in destitute places by him; traveling nine hundred miles; preaching one hundred and one sermons; making over two hundred visits; baptized six; witnessed over fifty baptisms; assisted in nine protracted meetings.

Bro. Allen Gilliam was also authorized to perform missionary labor in such destitute places as he might visit; and upon all proper occasions to take up collections for the support of missions. Having no report from him, we can say nothing as to what has been his labor.

Bro. Kimball *in his report states, that in all parts of the field he finds great destitution.* Brethren, this should not be, and can't we devise a plan by which this destitution can, in a great measure, be supplied? Some such plan as that recommended by the General Association, is suggested; say a Missionary Convention of the Association, composed of members from all the churches, making pledges to be paid quarterly, with a missionary agent in each church, whose special business it shall be, to collect and take collections, and pay over to the Treasurer of the Missionary Convention, to carry the plan into effect. By such plan, the Convention might at the beginning of the year, put their missionary in the field, and thereby educate our membership up to their duty of supporting both missionary and pastoral labor. By reference to the Treasurer's report, you will see that the entire fund is exhausted, leaving

a balance due Bro. Kimball, of (\$20 88,) twenty dollars and eighty-eight cents, unpaid, for which we ask an appropriation from the fund sent up to the present Association. The several reports with this paper, are all herewith respectfully submitted.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. YARBROUGH, Chairman,
Executive Board Cherokee Association.

On motion, the Body went into Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of organizing a Missionary Convention, while names were being enrolled for membership by the Clerk. A collection was taken up, at the suggestion of the Moderator, for Bro. H. F. Buckner, the Indian Missionary, which resulted in the collection of \$10 50 in coin, and \$2 25 in currency.

The following persons were enrolled as members of the Missionary Convention of the Cherokee Association, upon the plan of the General Association, for five years, annual membership being five dollars, and paid quarterly:

	Paid	Per Annum
Jesse M. Carter.....	\$2 50	\$ 5 00
Geo. Yarbrough.....	----	20 00
Tully Choice.....	----	5 00
H. E. Calahan.....	----	5 00
C. B. Boern.....	----	5 00
E. M. Carter.....	----	5 00
W. G. Caperton.....	----	5 00
C. C. Hawthorn.....	----	5 00
Di. L. J. Robinson.....	----	5 00
R. Malone Stell.....	----	5 00
W. B. Henderson.....	1 25	5 00
Mrs. F. M. Bacon.....	----	5 00
Mrs. Felton.....	1 25	5 00
John G. Felton.....	1 25	5 00
John W. Barron.....	1 25	5 00
Mrs. Lora Gary.....	----	5 00
Mrs. A. Tucker.....	----	5 00
S. H. Russell.....	----	5 00

	Paid,	Per Annum
Mrs. L. Butts	-----	5 00
Miss Rosa Florence	-----	2 00
Mrs. Mary Wilcoxon	-----	2 50
C. Graybill	1 25	5 00
Geo. W. Gilliam	1 25	5 00
W. R. Butts	1 25	5 00
H. L. Rush	-----	5 00
J. S. Ward	-----	5 00
Joseph Yarbrough	-----	5 00
John H. Rowland	-----	5 00
Mrs. R. L. Keeton	-----	2 00
Miss Mollie Tucker	-----	5 00
J. A. Kimball	-----	5 00

On motion, a committee was appointed to nominate officers for the Missionary Convention, who reported, through their Chairman, Bro. C. B. Bacon, the following board of officers: Geo. Yarbrough, President; W. B. Henderson, Secretary, and John G. Felton, Treasurer. Adopted.

On motion, quarterly meetings were appointed for the Missionary Convention of this Association for the year, on each Saturday before the 5th Sabbath in the Associational and Conventional year, viz: With Dover, Starrville, Larissa and Alto Churches, located at each place named. Committee arose and business of the Association resumed.

On motion, the Executive Committee of the past year was continued to close up any business unsettled, and when done to turn over any moneys on hand to the Treasurer of the Missionary Convention.

On motion of Bro. W. B. Henderson, Bro. R. Malone Stell was requested to write an Essay on Piety, to be read before the next meeting of this Body.

Minutes read and adopted.

The next annual meeting of the Missionary Convention of the Cherokee Association will be held with County Line Church, on Monday night after the second Sabbath in October, 1873.

On motion, adjourned to meet with County Line Church, on Saturday before the 2d Sabbath in October, A. D. 1873. While singing a hymn the right hand of fellowship was extended. The Moderator closed in prayer, and the brethren departed for their respective homes.

R. MALONE STELL, *Moderator*.

GEO. YARBROUGH, *Clerk*.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE BOUNDS OF THE
CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

John S. Bledsoe, Flora, Smith county; W. D. Burnett, Rusk, Cherokee county; J. Butler, Butler, Anderson county; H. E. Calahan, Tyler, Smith county; W. G. Caperton, Tyler, Smith county; E. M. Carter, Tyler, Smith county; Tully Choice, Jamestown, Smith county; R. C. Clay, Mt. Carmel, Smith county; Jesse M. Carter, Rusk, Cherokee county; S. R. Gore, Plenitude, Anderson county; Allen Gilliam, Jamestown, Smith county; George W. Gilliam, Jamestown, Smith county; Isaac N. Joiner, Alto, Cherokee county; A. W. Johnson, Bethel, Anderson county; J. A. Kimball, Larissa, Cherokee county; W. W. Lansford, Plenitude, Anderson county; W. W. Lewis, Rusk, Cherokee county; Isaac Martin, Alto, Cherokee county; R. R. Morrow, Palestine, Anderson county; C. D. McCrimmon, New Salem, Rusk county; David Peebles, Garden Valley, Smith county; John H. Rowland, Tyler, Smith county; W. H. Ray, Tyler, Smith county; R. Malone Stell, Mt. Sylvan, Smith county; C. C. Shumate, Jamestown, Smith county; J. H. L. Wesley, Tyler, Smith county; J. D. Williams, Alto, Cherokee county; M. M. Wadsworth, Troupe, Smith county; John H. Whitmore, Tyler, Smith county.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	CLERKS' POSTOFFICE	PASTORS	CLERKS	SABBATH DAYS OF MEETING	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	DISCIPLES BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	RESTORED	DECEASED	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NO. PAPERS TAKEN IN SUNDAY-SCHOOLS	NO. RELIGIOUS PAPERS TAKEN	PROPERTY	VALUE OF CHURCH	NO. SAB. SCHOOLS	OBTAINED MINISTERS	CONTRIBUTION FOR MINUTES	CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MIS. AND GEN'L PURPOSES	SALARY	GIVEN FOR PASTOR'S	CONTRIBUTION FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS	AVERAGE AMOUNT PER MONTH	TOTAL CONTRIBUT' S	NO. FEMALE MEN	FOR BUILD. CHURCH	AMT. EXP. REPAIRS	NO. MEETING HOUSES BUILT				
Tyler	Smith	Tyler	J. H. Rowland	J. T. Hand	1,2,3,4	54	22	7	3	2	177	20	1	3	00	1	3	00	1	3	00	1	3	00	1	3	00	1	3	00	1	3	00
Centre Point	Smith	Troup	G. W. Gilliam	T. E. Armstrong	3	1	7	2	1	1	30	10	1	1	60	18	00	200	00	200	00	200	00	200	00	200	00	200	00	200	00	200	00
Mount Sylvan	Smith	Jamestown	Tully Choice	C. Graybill	1 & 3	5	7	1	3	1	72	10	1	1	80	10	00	1	80	10	00	1	80	10	00	1	80	10	00	1	80	10	00
Bethel	Smith	Starrville	H. E. Calahan	H. S. Cobb	3	5	7	1	3	1	82	10	1	1	82	10	00	1	82	10	00	1	82	10	00	1	82	10	00	1	82	10	00
Mt. Zion	Smith	Tyler	W. G. Caperton	W. R. Barclay	21	4	12	3	1	82	10	10	1	1	82	10	00	1	82	10	00	1	82	10	00	1	82	10	00	1	82	10	00
Antioch	Smith	Mt. Carmel	E. M. Carter	M. Shamburger	3	1	8	1	1	91	10	10	1	1	91	10	00	1	91	10	00	1	91	10	00	1	91	10	00	1	91	10	00
Knoxville	Cherokee	Knoxville	M. M. Wadsworth	J. H. Salmon	4	4	6	6	3	119	10	10	1	1	119	10	00	1	119	10	00	1	119	10	00	1	119	10	00	1	119	10	00
Hopewell	Smith	Tyler	H. E. Calahan	S. A. Smith	2	2	9	1	1	57	10	10	1	1	57	10	00	1	57	10	00	1	57	10	00	1	57	10	00	1	57	10	00
Jamestown	Smith	Jamestown	Tully Choice	H. T. Gilliam	2 & 4	19	6	9	1	2	79	10	1	1	79	10	00	1	79	10	00	1	79	10	00	1	79	10	00	1	79	10	00
Ebenezer	Smith	Troup	J. A. Kimball	J. L. Basket	1	8	4	16	2	88	10	10	1	1	88	10	00	1	88	10	00	1	88	10	00	1	88	10	00	1	88	10	00
Carmel	Smith	Garden Valley	J. S. Bledsoe	W. H. Bankley	2	10	8	3	2	70	10	10	1	1	70	10	00	1	70	10	00	1	70	10	00	1	70	10	00	1	70	10	00
Dover	Smith	Garden Valley	J. L. Mathews	E. C. Cox	2 & 4	12	9	9	1	93	10	10	1	1	93	10	00	1	93	10	00	1	93	10	00	1	93	10	00	1	93	10	00
New Hope	Smith	Etna	M. M. Wadsworth	H. P. Senter	4	1	3	6	1	26	10	10	1	1	26	10	00	1	26	10	00	1	26	10	00	1	26	10	00	1	26	10	00
County Line	Smith	Etna	H. E. Calahan	J. T. White	4	1	1	1	1	57	10	10	1	1	57	10	00	1	57	10	00	1	57	10	00	1	57	10	00	1	57	10	00
Salem	Cherokee	Larissa	J. A. Kimball	J. E. Dodson	2	9	7	4	1	66	10	10	1	1	66	10	00	1	66	10	00	1	66	10	00	1	66	10	00	1	66	10	00
*Myrtle Spring	Rusk	New Salem								100	10	10	1	1	100	10	00	1	100	10	00	1	100	10	00	1	100	10	00	1	100	10	00
*Palestine	Cherokee	Alto		S. T. Harrison						175	10	10	1	1	175	10	00	1	175	10	00	1	175	10	00	1	175	10	00	1	175	10	00
*Bethel	Cherokee	Alto								175	10	10	1	1	175	10	00	1	175	10	00	1	175	10	00	1	175	10	00	1	175	10	00
*New Hope	Cherokee	Jacksonville		O. M. Meador						161	10	10	1	1	161	10	00	1	161	10	00	1	161	10	00	1	161	10	00	1	161	10	00
Union	Cherokee	Larissa	M. M. Wadsworth	R. W. Jones			11	2	1	32	10	10	1	1	32	10	00	1	32	10	00	1	32	10	00	1	32	10	00	1	32	10	00
Hebron	Smith	Tyler		A. A. Davis						24	10	10	1	1	24	10	00	1	24	10	00	1	24	10	00	1	24	10	00	1	24	10	00
Friendship	Smith	Randall	Allen Gilliam	S. H. Russell	2	1				33	10	10	1	1	33	10	00	1	33	10	00	1	33	10	00	1	33	10	00	1	33	10	00
New Harmony	Smith	Tyler	Wm. Graves	J. S. Barron	2	10	13	1	1	58	10	10	1	1	58	10	00	1	58	10	00	1	58	10	00	1	58	10	00	1	58	10	00
Seven League	Smith	Tyler	E. M. Carter	E. P. Thedford	2	9	5	4	1	37	10	10	1	1	37	10	00	1	37	10	00	1	37	10	00	1	37	10	00	1	37	10	00
Harris Creek	Smith	Mt. Carmel	J. S. Camby	D. M. Clinton	1	2	7	1	1	65	10	10	1	1	65	10	00	1	65	10	00	1	65	10	00	1	65	10	00	1	65	10	00
Pisgah	Anderson	Penitence	S. R. Gore	Jas. Fastland		9	5	10	2	3	69	10	1	1	69	10	00	1	69	10	00	1	69	10	00	1	69	10	00	1	69	10	00
Zion	Anderson	Kickapoo	S. R. Gore	B. F. Spencer	1	7	8			21	10	10	1	1	21	10	00	1	21	10	00	1	21	10	00	1	21	10	00	1	21	10	00
Mountain Cove	Cherokee	Rusk	J. M. Carter	J. E. Bagley	1	1	1			20	10	10	1	1	20	10	00	1	20	10	00	1	20	10	00	1	20	10	00	1	20	10	00
*Ben's Creek	Cherokee									135	10	10	1	1	135	10	00	1	135	10	00	1	135	10	00	1	135	10	00	1	135	10	00
*Pleasant Grove	Cherokee	Pinetown		Perry Hollyman						23	10	10	1	1	23	10	00	1	23	10	00	1	23	10	00	1	23	10	00	1	23	10	00
Providence	Henderson	Brownsboro	E. M. Carter	E. B. Lutrich	4					13	10	10	1	1	13	10	00	1	13	10	00	1	13	10	00	1	13	10	00	1	13	10	00
Macedonia	Smith	Tyler	Allea Gilliam	W. M. Swiney	1	8	10			35	10	10	1	1	35	10	00	1	35	10	00	1	35	10	00	1	35	10	00	1	35	10	00
Pleasant Grove	Smith	Troup	M. M. Wadsworth	J. C. Farbutton	2	2	3			33	10	10	1	1	33	10	00	1	33	10	00	1	33	10	00	1	33	10	00	1	33	10	00
Pleasant Hill	Smith	Tyler	W. G. Caperton	E. A. Camp	4	2	8			18	10	10	1	1	18	10	00	1	18	10	00	1	18	10	00	1	18	10	00	1	18	10	00
Leonard	Anderson	Palestine	S. R. Gore	M. P. Gaines	2	43	9	1		68	10	10	1	1	68	10	00	1	68	10	00	1	68	10	00	1	68	10	00	1	68	10	00
Leon's	Smith	Tyler	J. H. Rowland	J. T. Dean	1	31	4			51	10	10	1	1	51	10	00	1	51	10	00	1	51	10	00	1	51	10	00	1	51	10	00
Saline Creek	Smith	Tyler		Jno. Barton	1	21				46	10	10	1	1	46	10	00	1	46	10	00	1	46	10	00	1	46	10	00	1	46	10	00
Pleasant Grove	Anderson	Kickapoo	S. R. Gore	Sam. Heidelberg	3	2	5			14	10	10	1	1	14	10	00	1	14	10	00	1	14	10	00	1	14	10	00	1	14	10	00
					280	154	148	32			2131																						

Total Membership of Churches represented, 1836; total Membership of Churches not represented, 315; Total, 2131.

* Not represented. † Estimated.